# Alarm Gateway Object for Wonderware Application Server

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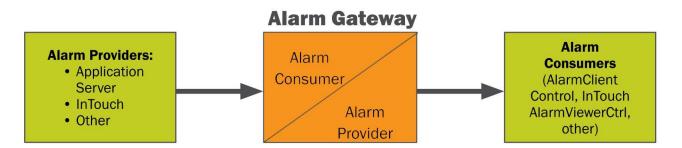
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# Alarm Gateway Object for Wonderware Application Server

# Introduction

The **Alarm Gateway Object** (Alarm Gateway) is a basic component of Wonderware Finland **Alarm Extension Pack** and provides the functionality to create separate configurable Alarm Provider for alarms coming from Wonderware Application Server (WAS) and/or other Alarm Providers compatible with Wonderware Alarm System:



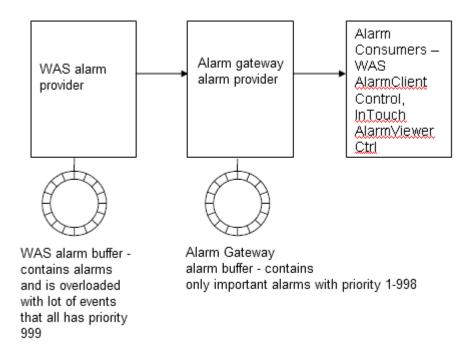
Alarm Gateway supports advanced alarm filtering, mimic and shelved alarms, possibilities to use and modify the user defined fields and event priority fields. Avoids alarm loss and duplicated alarms in high loaded systems. Supports functionality to send/receive alarms to/from Wonderware alarming system from/to UReason Alarm Management system. The Alarm Gateway Object is developed by using Wonderware Distributed Alarm Toolkit.

The Alarm Gateway can be used to solve, for example, the following tasks:

#### Avoid alarm loss in high loaded systems:

WAS Historical alarms and events are stored in a circular buffer, where the oldest entries are discarded to make room for new ones, so in case there generated a lot of events then important alarms can be lost.

By using the Alarm Gateway, it is possible to store all important alarms in separate Alarm Gateway buffer - that can be done by querying alarms/events only with priorities from 1 to 998:



Note: Alarm Gateway alarm buffer can contain about 6000-7000 alarms. The total number of stored alarms depends on size of alarms.

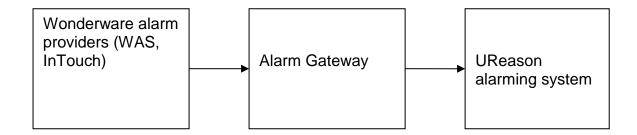
#### Change the event priority:

WAS alarming system does not provide possibility to configure event priority - all events have built-in priority 999.

By using Alarm Gateway, it is possible to change the event priority by using the setPriority custom attribute .For more information see the "Custom attributes" section "setPriority" later in this User Guide.

#### Connect to UReason alarming system:

Alarm Gateway can send alarms/events from Wonderware alarming system to UReason alarming system. For more information see "UReason gateway" section later in this User Guide.



# **Installing the Alarm Gateway Object**

### Hardware requirements

The Alarm Gateway Object has the same hardware requirements as Wonderware Application Server. It is strongly recommended to have computer at least with 2 GHz or faster processor, 64-bit. A multi-core processor is also strongly recommended. The Intel Itanium 2 processor is not supported.

# **Software requirements**

The Wonderware **Application Server 3.1** version or later is supported.

# Content of delivery package

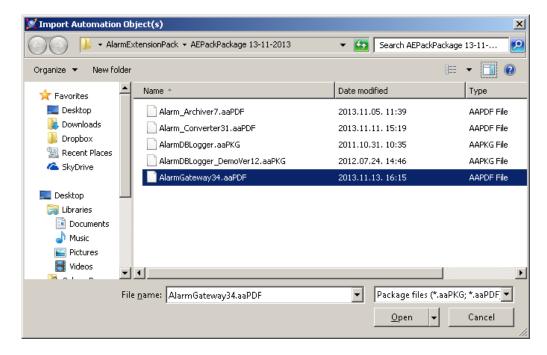
The Alarm Gateway Object can be delivered: 1) included in Wonderware Finland Alarm Extension Pack or 2) as a separate package. The following are Alarm Gateway Object files:

- AlarmGatewayxx.aaPDF Alarm Gateway Object standard description file containing the implementation code for a base template, where xx is the current version of Alarm Gateway Object
- AlarmGateway.aaDEF Alarm Gateway Object definition file
- P185m112.pdf Alarm Gateway Object User Manual (this document)

# Installing standalone object

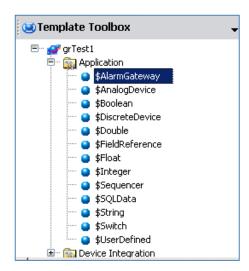
# **Object import**

- 1) Copy Alarm Gateway Object files to some folder, e.g. to C:/Install.
- 2) Start **ArchestrA IDE** and import the **AlarmGatewayxx.aaPDF** file (xx is the current version of Alarm Gateway Object) to a new/existing galaxy (in the further explanation we will assume the new galaxy **grTest1** is used):



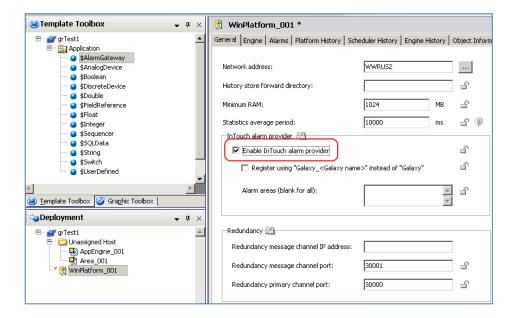
Note: If you are using existing galaxy and there is already deployed older Alarm Gateway object version, then please follow the upgrade instructions from **Object upgrade procedure** section at the end of this manual.

3) After importing, the **\$AlarmGateway** template is added to Template Toolbox:

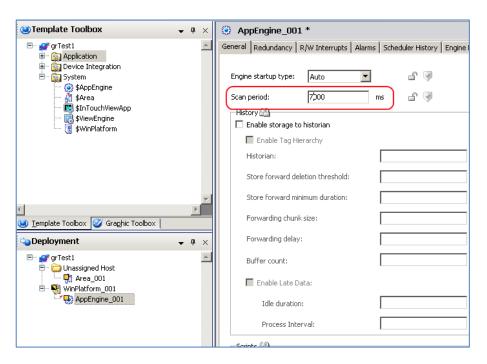


# **Object configuration**

 Create the WinPlatform object (if not already created) with "alarm provider" feature enabled:

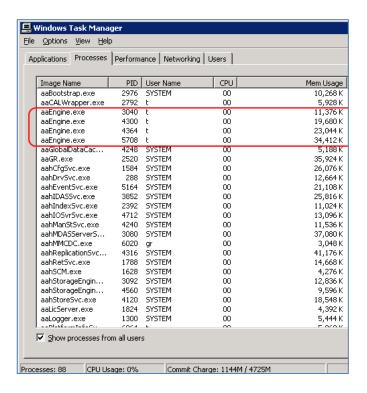


2) Create the AppEngine and assign it to Platform object (Deployment View):



It is recommended to set the Engine scan period at least to 1 second and even more (2-3 seconds) in case the Alarm Gateway Object is planned to be used in highly loaded alarm systems (more than 50 often changing active alarms) and with additional features enabled, like **Custom Alarm/Event attributes** and **UReason alarm system**.

**Note**: It is highly recommended to deploy Alarm Gateway Object to separate engine where are no production objects deployed, to distribute the possible CPU load among multiple CPU cores:

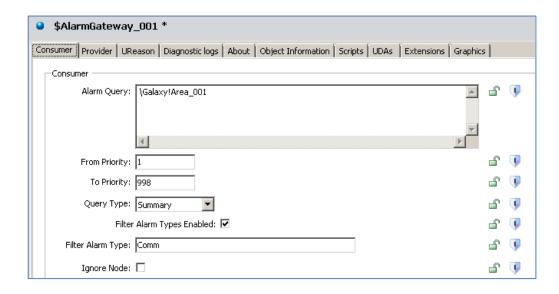


3) Create the Area object and assign it to AppEngine object:



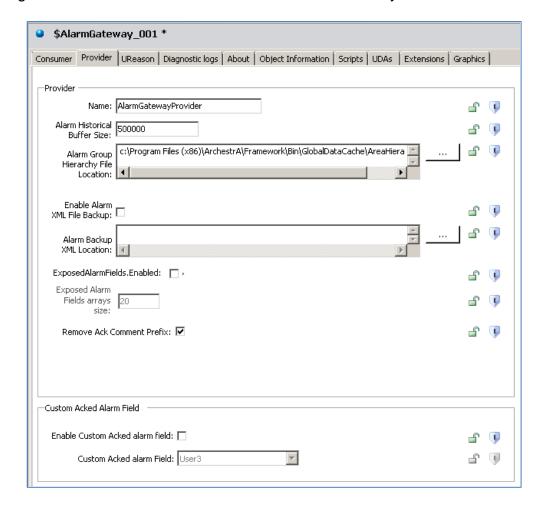
- 4) Create the **Alarm Gateway** instance and assign it to Area object.
- 5) Open **Alarm Gateway** Object editor and configure the following parameters:
  - a) In Consumer tab:
    - Set Alarm Query: \Galaxy!Area 001
    - Set To Priority: 1
    - Set From Priority: 998
    - Enable Filter Alarm Types: set the Comm filter

The **Area\_001** is Area name what is the host of Alarm Gateway object, or other Area can be specified that host objects with alarming enabled:



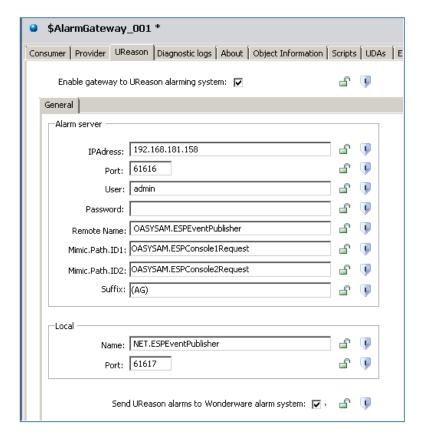
#### b) In Provider tab:

Change the Alarm Provider name in case that is needed by Alarm Clients:



#### c) In **UReason** tab:

If necessary, enable the connection with **UReason** alarming system:

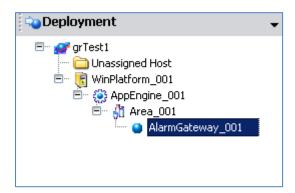


#### d) In Diagnostic logs tab:

If necessary, enable the diagnostic logging (for more details refer to **Advanced Troubleshooting** section later in this manual):



- 6) In **Area\_001**, **c**reate or import some objects with alarming enabled.
- 7) Deploy all created objects:



- 8) Enable the Alarm Gateway Object licensing see **Licensing requirements** section for details.
- 9) Create or import InTouch application to test the AlarmGateway alarms. Configure the Alarm Client Alarm Query should be like:

#### \\WWNode\AlarmGatewayProvider!Area\_001

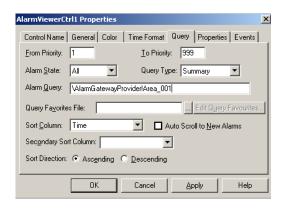
or

#### \\192.168.75.209\AlarmGatewayProvider!Area\_001

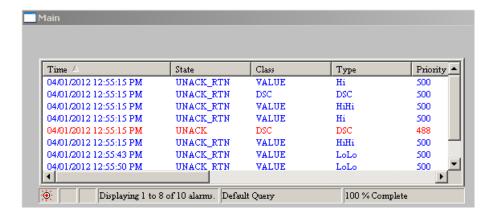
**Note:** The Alarm Query without Node name like

AlarmGatewayProvider!Area\_001 or

/AlarmGatewayProvider!Area\_001 will not work on Windows 2008 Server:



10) Run the InTouch application and check alarms:



# **Licensing requirements**

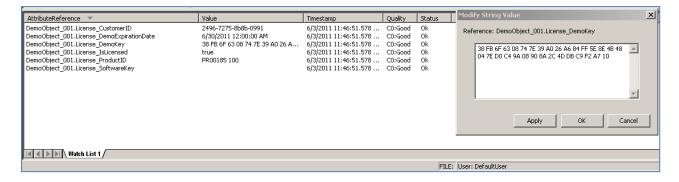
Alarm Gateway Object supports two types of licenses:

- The **Demo License** is for free and provides an unlimited functionality, but it is valid only for a limited time period (usually one month).
- The **Software Key** enables the Alarm Gateway Object unlimited full time running without any restrictions.

#### **Demo License installation**

The **Demo License** is for free and provides an unlimited functionality, but it is valid only for a limited time period. After Demo License expiration, the Alarm Gateway will stop to provide the alarms. The Demo License can be obtained by sending inquiry to info@wonderware.fi.

To activate the received Demo License, you need to copy it to Alarm Gateway Object **License.DemoKey** attribute:



If Demo License is valid (correct Demo Key string is installed), the **License.IsLicensed** attribute is True and expiration date/time is logged to Wonderware SMC Log Viewer.

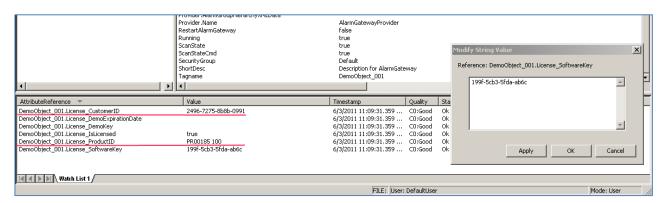
#### Software Key installation

The **Software Key** enables the Alarm Gateway Object unlimited full time running without any restrictions.

To get and enable the **Software Key**:

- get "Product ID" from object **License.ProductID** attribute (e.g. PR00185 100);
- get "Customer ID" from object License.CustomerID attribute;
- copy/paste it to e-mail (or text file or similar) and provide this "Customer ID" string when ordering the Alarm Gateway Object;
- when product is purchased, copy the received "Software Key" to Alarm Gateway Object **License.SoftwareKey** attribute:

If license key is valid (correct Software Key string is installed), the **License.IsLicensed** attribute is set to True and product is ready for use:



There are following licensing run-time attributes:

Attribute	Description	Run-Time Access
License.CustomerID	Unique generated customer ID	Read-Only
License.DemoExpirationDate	Demo License expiration date	Read-Only
License.DemoKey	Demo License key	User
License.IsLicensed	If True then product is licensed	Read-Only
License.ProductID	Product ID	Read-Only
License.SoftwareKey	Product Software Key	User

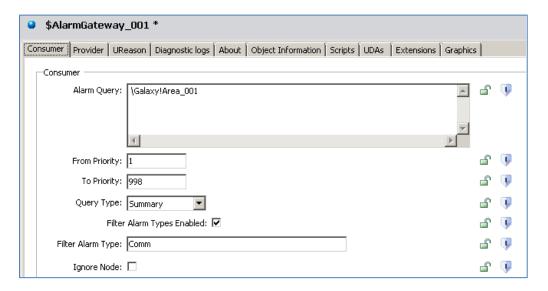
# Configuration

For general information about Wonderware Automation Objects (including relationships, deployment and alarm distribution) - see the Wonderware Integrated Development Environment (IDE) documentation.

For information on configuration options for object information, scripts, user-defined attributes (UDAs), or attribute extensions, click **Extensions Help** in the Help file header.

# **General Configuration**

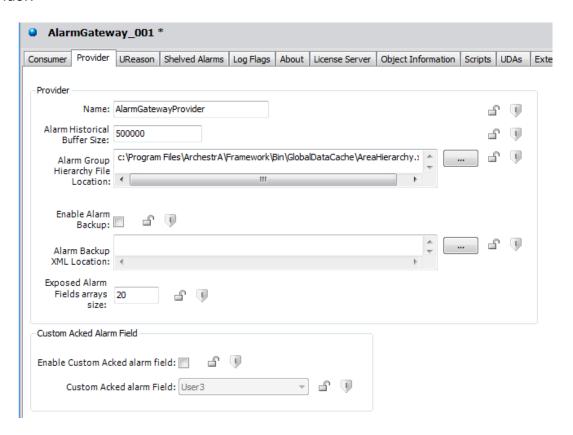
Use the **Consumer** tab to configure and adjust the behavior of Alarm Gateway Object Alarm Consumer:



#### Consumer:

Editor Option	Associated Attribute(s)	Description
Alarm Query	Consumer.AlarmQuery	Consumer Alarm Query
From Priority	Consumer.FromPriority	Enter the starting value of the alarm priority range
To Priority	Consumer.ToPriority	Enter the ending value of the alarm priority range
Query Type	Consumer.QueryType	Alarm query type
Alarm Type filter	Enable/disable: Consumer.FilterAlarmTypesEnabled Consumer.FilterAlarmTypes	Provider advanced functionality to filter alarms by type, e.g. can filter out all Comm alarms

Use the **Provider** tab to configure and tune the behavior of Alarm Gateway Object Alarm Provider:



#### Provider:

Provider:		
Editor Option	Associated Attribute	Description
Name	Provider.Name	Alarm provider name
Alarm Historical Buffer Size	Provider.AlarmBufSize	Alarm buffer size
Alarm Group Hierarchy XML	Provider.AlarmHierarch yFile	Path to WAS generated Alarm (Area) hierarchy file Default value: c:\Program Files\ArchestrA\Framework\Bin\GlobalDataCache \AreaHierarchy.xml
Alarm Backup XML Location	Provider.AlarmBackup Location	Location of Alarm Backup XML files
Exposed Alarm Fields arrays size	ExposedAlarmFields.Ar raysSize	Exposed Alarm Fields array size (for more details see then <b>Exposed Alarm Fields</b> section)
Custom Acked Alarm Field	Enable/disable: EnableCustomAckField CustomAckAlarmField	For more details see the Custom Acked Alarm comment field section

# **Run-Time Object Attributes**

All Alarm Gateway object attributes are grouped into following groups, by attribute prefix:

**AlarmGateway** - defines attributes for Alarm Gateway general configuration and status; **Provider** - defines attributes for Alarm Provider configuration;

**Consumer** - defines attributes for Alarm Consumer configuration;

**License** - defines attributes for licensing;

Set - defines custom attributes, for more information see the "Custom attributes" section

The following table lists the <u>run-time only</u> attributes for the Alarm Gateway Object.

**Note:** Configurable run-time attributes are described in the configuration sections. For more information, see **Configuration** section above.

Attribute	Description	Run-Time
		Access
AlarmGateway.AlarmGroups	Displays all created alarm groups (alarm Areas)	Read Only
AlarmGateway.LastErrorMessage	Last Error Message	Read Only
AlarmGateway.LastErrorCode	Last Error Code (No errors = 0)	Read Only
AlarmGateway.Restart	Trigger – if set to True then restarts Alarm Gateway	User
AlarmGateway.Started	If true Alarm Gateway is Started and running	Read Only
Consumer.Status	Current status of Alarm Gateway	Read Only
License.isLicensed	Displays Alarm Gateway license status; True = Alarm Gateway is licensed	Read Only
Provider.TotalAlarmsCreated	Total number of Wonderware Alarms created	Read Only
Provider.TotalEventsCreated	Total number of Wonderware Events created	Read Only
UReason.Connected	Displays connection status with UReason alarm system; True = connected	Read Only
UReason.TotalAlarmsAcked	Total number of Wonderware alarms acknowledged in UReason alarm system	Read Only
UReason.TotalWWAlarmsCreated	Total number of Wonderware Alarms created in UReason alarm system	Read Only
UReason.TotalWWEventsCreated	Total number of Wonderware Events created in UReason alarm system	Read Only
Version.Runtime	Alarm Gateway runtime version information	Read Only

**Note:** It is highly recommended to run any Alarm Gateway Object in separate Engine since Alarm Gateway uses scan interval for reading the alarms. Recommended Engine scan interval for Alarm Gateway is at least 1000 ms.

#### **Custom Alarm/Event attributes**

By using custom attributes, it is possible to change following alarm data fields in Wonderware alarm system or in UReason alarm system:

For Wonderware alarm custom attributes, the prefix **setWW**\_ is used; for Ureason - attribute prefix **setUR**\_ is used:

Custom Attribute	Alarming system	Description
SetWW_User1	Wonderware	User-defined field number 1.
SetWW_User2	Wonderware	User-defined field number 2.
SetWW_User3	Wonderware	User-defined field, string.
SetWW_Priority	Wonderware	Alarm/Event Priority.
SetUR_Source	UReason	Alarm Source
SetUR_Class	UReason	Alarm Class

Custom attributes can be set from WAS scripts with following command:

Syntax: objectName.CustomAttribute = "Alarm/Event name = value"

#### Wonderware alarm system custom attributes

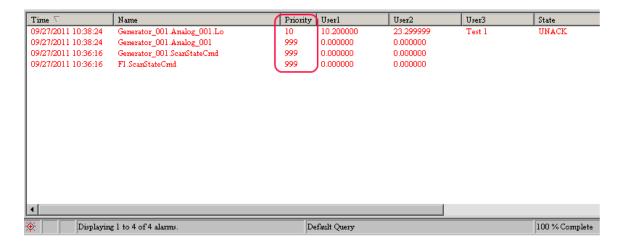
#### **SetWW\_Priority**

Used to set **Wonderware** alarm system alarm and event **Priority** (valid range from 1 to 999).

#### Sample:

Following command sets Wonderware alarming system alarm priority to 10 for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

AlarmGateway\_001.setWWPriority = Me.Tagname + ".Analog 001.Lo=10";



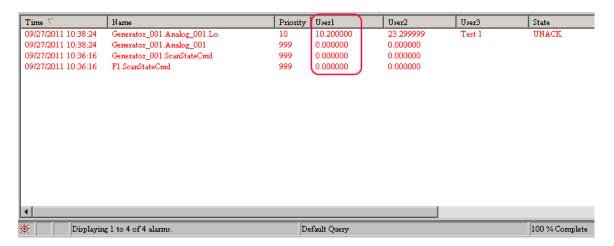
#### SetWW\_User1

Used to set Wonderware alarm system User-defined (User1) float field.

#### Sample:

Following command sets Wonderware alarming system alarm User 1 field to 10.2 for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

AlarmGateway\_001.setWW\_User1 = Me.Tagname + ".Analog\_001.Lo=10.2";



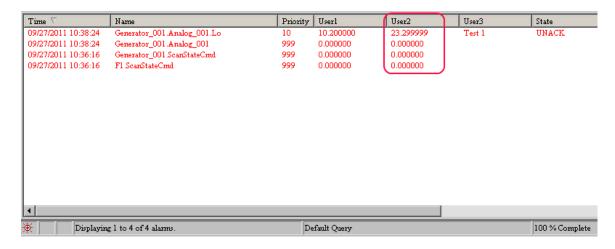
#### SetWW\_User2

Used to set Wonderware alarm system User-defined (User2) float field.

#### Sample:

Following command sets Wonderware alarming system alarm User 2 field to 23.3 for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

AlarmGateway\_001.setWW\_User2 = Me.Tagname + ".Analog\_001.Lo=23.3";



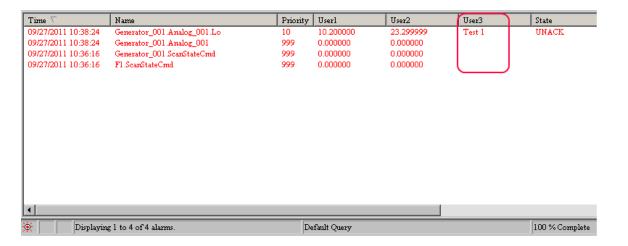
#### SetWW\_User3

Used to set Wonderware alarm system User-defined (User3) string field.

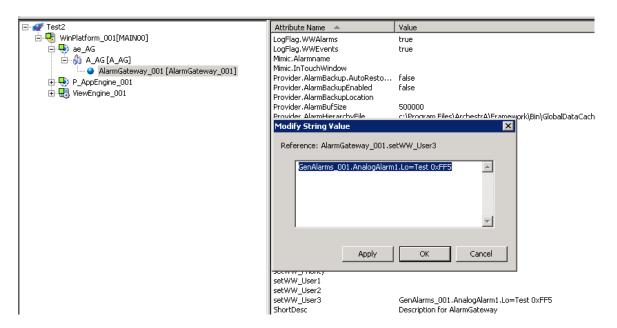
#### Sample:

Following command sets Wonderware alarming system alarm User 3 field to 'Test 1' for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

AlarmGateway\_001.setWW\_User3 = Me.Tagname + ".Analog 001.Lo=Test 1";



Setting value from Object Viewer:



#### SetWW\_Operator

Used to set Wonderware alarm system User-defined (Operator) string field.

#### Sample:

Following command sets Wonderware alarming system alarm Operator field to 'Test 1' for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

AlarmGateway\_001.setWW\_Operator = Me.Tagname + ".Analog\_001.Lo=Test 1";

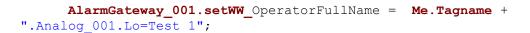


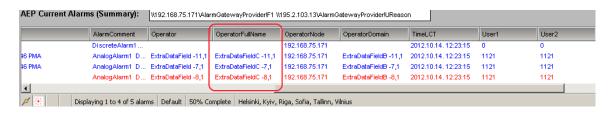
#### SetWW\_OperatorFullName

Used to set Wonderware alarm system User-defined (OperatorFullName) string field.

#### Sample:

Following command sets Wonderware alarming system alarm OperatorFullName field to 'Test 1' for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:





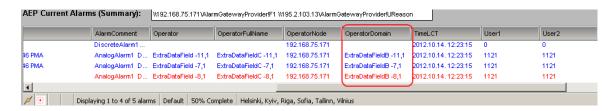
#### SetWW\_OperatorDomain

Used to set Wonderware alarm system User-defined (OperatorDomain) string field.

#### Sample:

Following command sets Wonderware alarming system alarm Operator Domain field to 'Test 1' for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

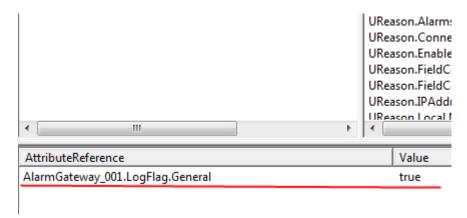
AlarmGateway\_001.setWW\_ OperatorDomain = Me.Tagname + ".Analog\_001.Lo=Test 1";



#### Troubleshooting Wonderware alarm system custom attributes

In case custom attribute is not set for alarm following steps can be performed to troubleshoot the issue.

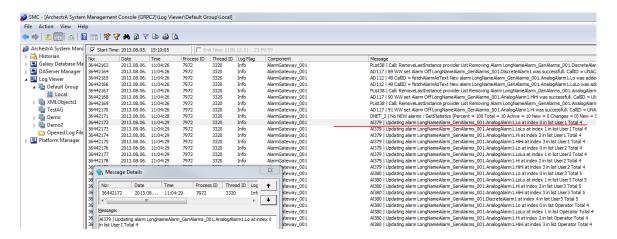
Enable general alarm flag:



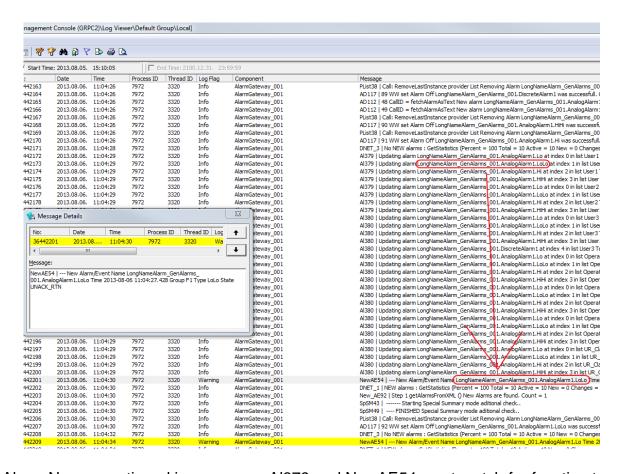
Set custom attribute e.g. from WAS script:



After script is executed, check if appropriate message (Al379) is logged in logger that indicates that custom attribute is set:



Rise alarm and check if Alarm name is the same as alarm name defined in set command:



Alarm Name mentioned in messages Al379 and NewAE54 must match for function to work properly.

UReason alarm system custom attributes

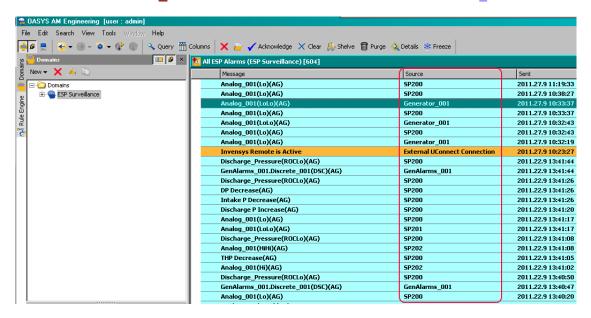
#### setUR\_Source

Used to set **UReason** alarm system alarm **Source** property.

#### Sample:

Following command sets UReason alarm parameter Source to 'SP200' for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

AlarmGateway 001.setURSource = Me.Tagname + ".Analog 001.Lo=SP200";



#### setUR\_Class

Used to set **UReason** alarm system alarm **Type** property.

Note: Class is a critical parameter for UReason alarm system, all alarms/events that are intended for use in UReason alarm system must have the defined valid class.

#### Sample:

Following command sets UReason alarm Class (Type) property to 'THP Decrease' for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

AlarmGateway 001.setURClass = Me.Tagname + ".Analog 001.Lo=THP Decrease";



#### setUR\_Priority

Used to set **UReason** alarm system alarm **Severity** property.

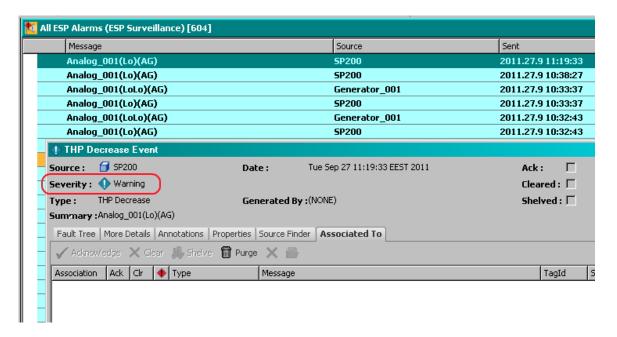
#### Sample:

Following command sets UReason alarm **Severity** property to 5 (Warning) for alarm Generator\_001.Discrete\_001:

```
AlarmGateway_001.setUR_Priority = Me.Tagname + ".Discrete 001=5";
```

Note: UReason alarm system has following alarm/event priorities:

- 1 Critical
- 2 High Severity
- 3 Medium Severity
- 4 Low Severity
- 5 Warning
- 6 Information



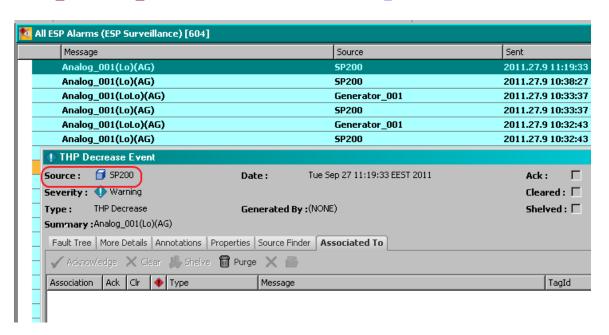
#### setUR\_Source

Used to set **UReason** alarm system alarm **Source** property.

#### Sample:

Following command sets UReason alarm **Source** property to Me.Tagname (Generator\_001) value for alarm Generator\_001.Analog\_001.Lo:

AlarmGateway\_001.setUR\_Source = Me.Tagname + ".Analog\_001.Lo=" + Me.Tagname;



#### setUR\_MimicWindow

Used to set UReason alarm system alarm MimicWindow property.

For details see Alarm Gateway UReason Mimic functionality section.

#### Sample:

Following command sets **UReason** alarm MimicWindow property:

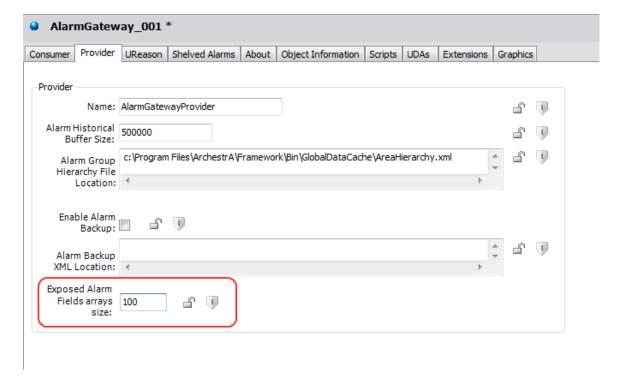
AlarmGateway\_001.setUR\_MimicWindow = Me.Tagname + ".Analog\_001.Lo=SP200";

# **Exposed Alarm Fields**

Exposed Alarm Field arrays are used to expose specific Alarm information (fields) as object attributes that can be used in WAS scripting.

Following configuration is needed to setup the Exposed Alarm Fields:

- 1) In object editor, open the Provider tab
  - a) Enable Exposed Alarm Fields feature;
  - b) Set Exposed Alarm Fields arrays length:



- c) Deploy Alarm Gateway object.
- d) Define exposed alarm configuration XML:

#### XML structure:

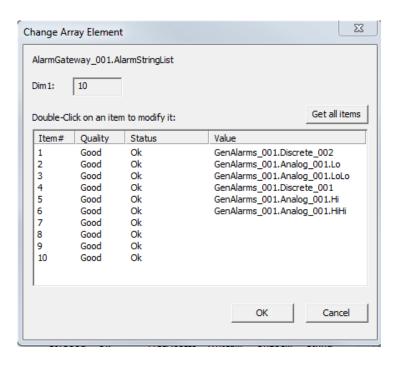
Root: <AlarmConfiguration>

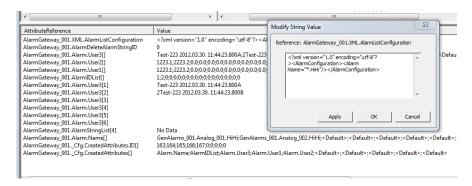
Element:

Name: Alarm

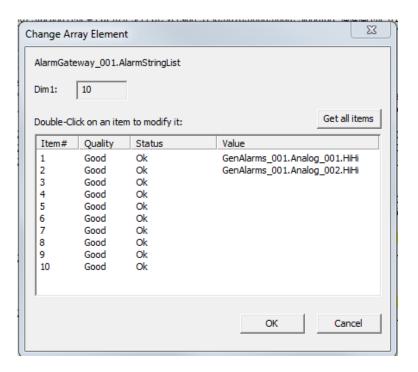
#### Attributes:

- Name Alarm name alarm names are case sensitive.
   Note: Also wildcards are supported, following samples are correct:
  - 1) GenAlarm\* Adds to exposed list all Alarms that name starts with GenAlarm:

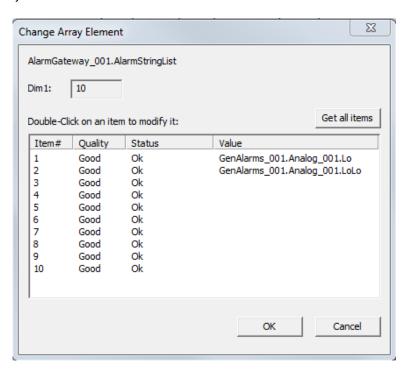




2) \*HiHi - Adds to exposed list all Alarms that name ends with HiHi – all HiHi priority alarms.



3) \*Value1.Lo\*

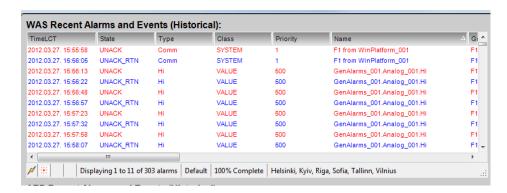


 ID – used defined ID - is used to delete entries from arrays by setting value to AlarmDeleteAlarmStringID attribute.

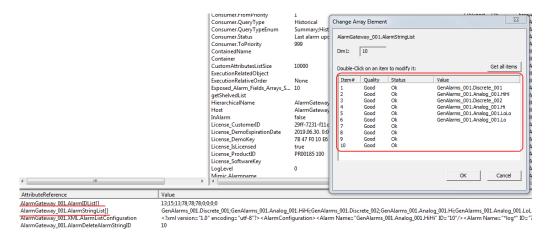
```
<AlarmConfiguration>
<Alarm Name="Alarm_300.Value1.Lolo" ID="10"/>
<Alarm Name="Alarm1*" ID="11"/>
</AlarmConfiguration>
```

Note: For testing proposes, in WAS following sample alarms are defined Analog\_001 (LoLo,Lo,Hi,HiHi), Discreate\_001, Discreate\_002

- e) set it to Alarm Gateway Big String XML.AlarmListConfiguration attribute.
- f) When defined alarm raises:



g) Exposed Alarm Field arrays are filled with defined Alarm Fields that are defined in XML.AlarmListConfiguration attribute:



#### **Configuration attributes**

#### XML.AlarmListConfiguration

Stores Alarm XML configuration

#### **AlarmIDList**

dataType: int array

Array size: is defined in editor ExposedAlarmFields.ArraysSize attribute.

#### Description:

Array of Alarm Gateway generated exposed alarm unique ID that can be used to identify each exposed alarm.

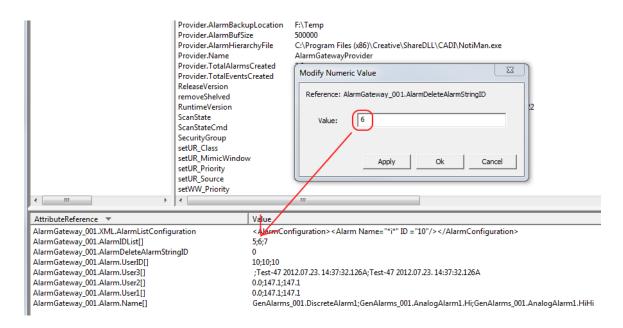
AttributeReference ▼	Value
AlarmGateway_001.XML.AlarmListConfiguration	<alarmconfiguration> <alarm id="10" name="*i*"></alarm> </alarmconfiguration>
AlarmGateway_001.AlarmIDList[]	5;6;7
AlarmGateway_001.AlarmDeleteAlarmStringID	0
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.UserID[]	10;10;10
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.User3[]	;Test-47 2012.07.23. 14:37:32.126A;Test-47 2012.07.23. 14:37:32.126A
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.User2[]	0.0;147.1;147.1
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.User1[]	0.0;147.1;147.1
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.Name[]	GenAlarms_001.DiscreteAlarm1;GenAlarms_001.AnalogAlarm1.Hi;GenAlarms_001.AnalogAlarm1.HiHi

#### AlarmDeleteAlarmStringID

dataType: int

#### Description:

Deletes entry from Exposed Alarm Fields that matches specified alarm ID in **AlarmIDList** array.



## Alarm.UserID

dataType: int array

## Description:

Displays User defined ID from Alarm list configuration (XML.AlarmListConfiguration attribute) file Alarm node attribute **ID** 

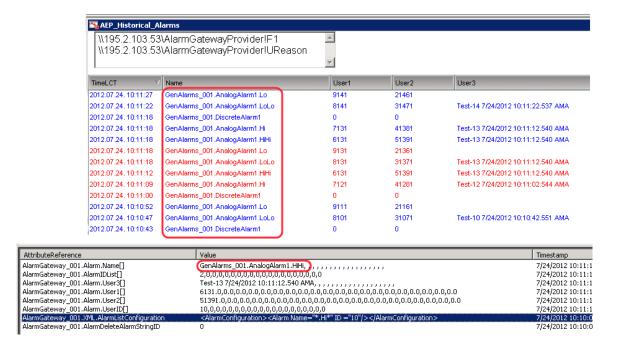
AttributeReference	Value
AlarmGateway_001.XML.AlarmListConfiguration	<alarmconfiguration><alarm 10")="" name="*.Hi*(ID ="></alarm></alarmconfiguration>
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.Name[]	GenAlarms_001.AnalogAlarm1.Hi;GenAlarms_001.AnalogAlarm1.HiHi;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.User1[]	1132.1;1132.1;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.User2[]	1132.1;1132.1;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0.0;0
AlarmGateway 001.Alarm.User3[]	Test-132 2012.07.23. 12:55:28.642A. Test-132 2012.07.23. 12:55:28.642A; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;
AlarmGateway_001.Alarm.UserID[]	10;10;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0
AlarmGateway_001.AlarmDeleteAlarmStringID	0
AlarmGateway_001.AlarmIDList[]	4;5;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0

## **Exposed attributes**

#### Alarm.Name

dataType: string array

Description: Exposed alarm name

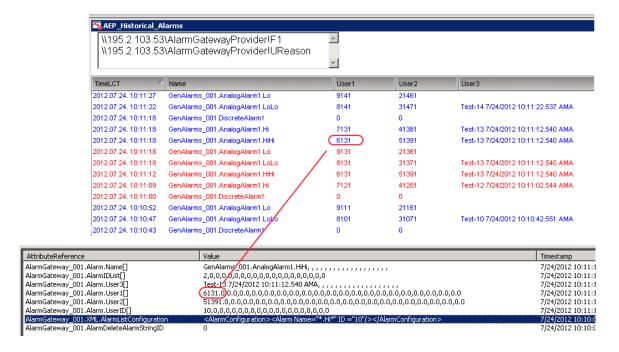


## Alarm.User1

dataType: string array

Array size: is defined in editor **ExposedAlarmFields.ArraysSize** attribute.

Description: Exposes Alarm field User1

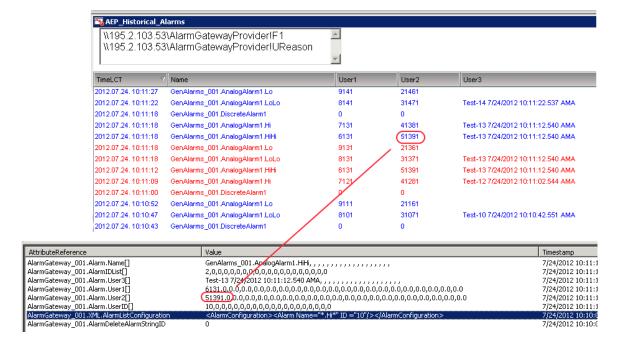


#### Alarm.User2

dataType: float array

Array size: is defined in editor **ExposedAlarmFields.ArraysSize** attribute.

Description: Exposes Alarm field User2

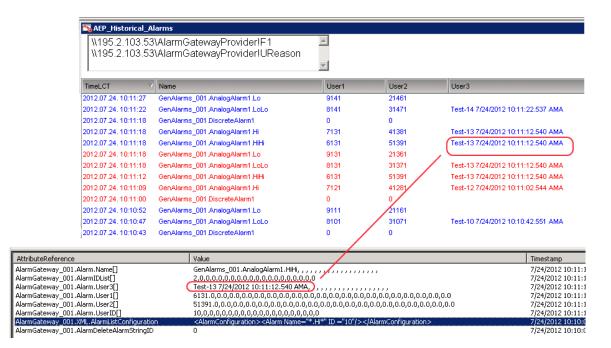


#### Alarm.User3

dataType: float array

Array size: is defined in editor attribute **ExposedAlarmFields.ArraysSize** attribute.

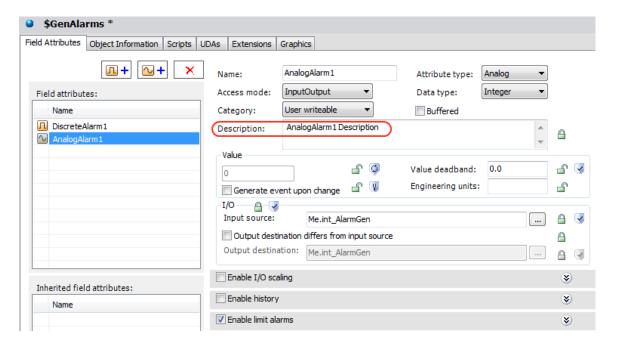
Description: Exposes Alarm field User3



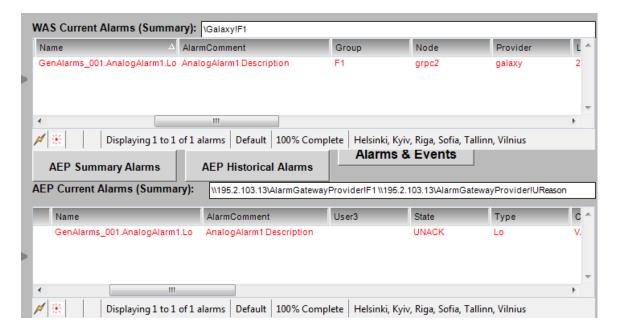
## **Custom Acked Alarm comment field**

## Overview

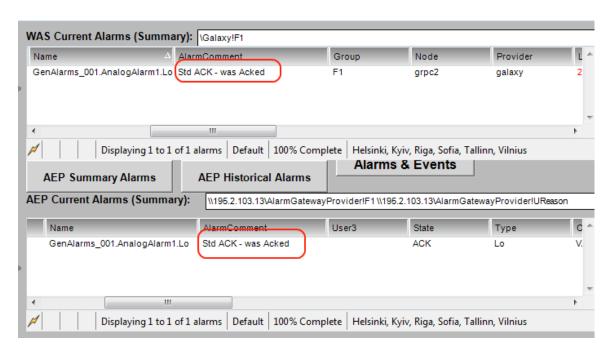
By using Alarm Gateway, it is possible to configure custom Acked alarm comment field for Acked alarms - this is useful if alarm descriptions are used:



Alarm description is stored in AlarmComment field:



If alarm is Acked, by default AlarmComment value is overwritten by alarm comment value:

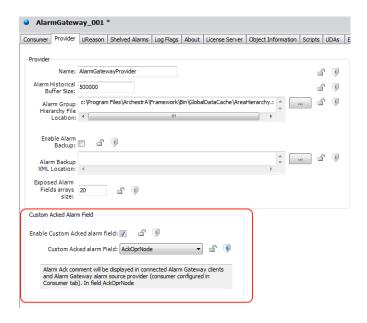


With Alarm Gateway it is possible to configure different Alarm field to store Ack comment and preserve Alarm description.

## Configuration

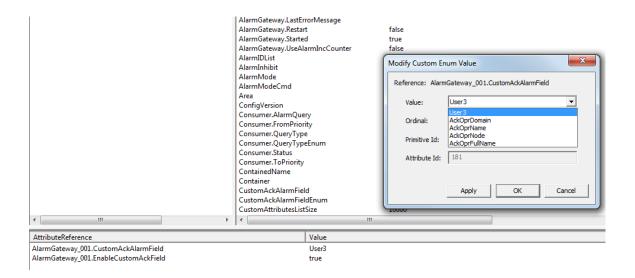
## **Editor**

Custom alarm Ack comment field feature can be configured in **Provider** tab **Custom Acked Alarm Field** section:



## **Runtime**

Custom alarm Acked comment field is possible to configure in runtime without Alarm gateway restart:



## **Attributes**

#### **EnableCustomAckField**

Datatype: Boolean

Description: enables/disables Custom alarm Ack comment field feature.

If True - Custom alarm Ack comment field feature is enabled and Acked alarm comment is written in configured field in CustomAckAlramField attribute

If False - Custom alarm Ack comment field feature is disabled and default Alarm system functionality is used - Ack comment overwrites **AlarmComment** field

#### CustomAckAlramField

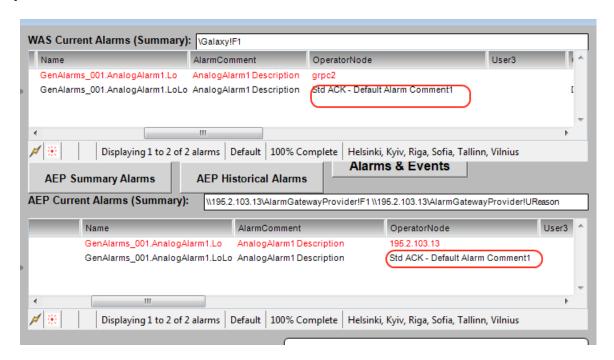
Datatype: Enum

Description: Defines custom Alarm Ack field.

Following custom Alarm Ack Comment fields are possible to configure:

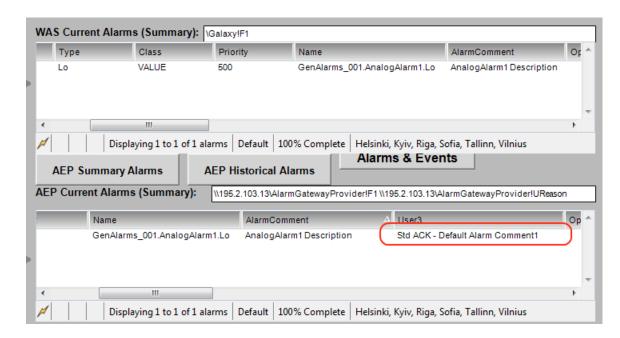
## AckOprNode

Alarm Ack comment will be displayed in connected Alarm Gateway clients and Alarm Gateway alarm source Provider (Consumer configured in Consumer tab). In **AckOprNode** field:



#### User3

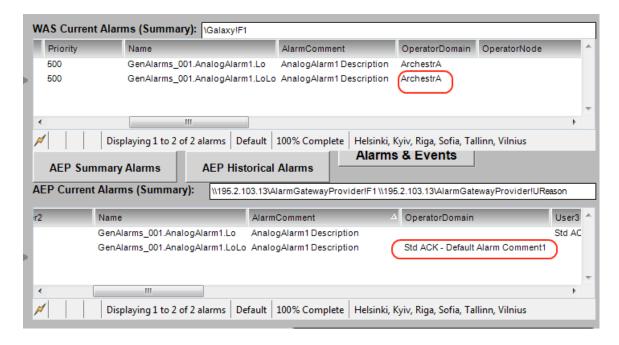
Alarm Ack comment will be displayed in connected Alarm Gateway clients only, in **User3** field:



Note: WAS alarm Provider will only Ack alarm without changing the AlarmComment.

## AckOprDomain

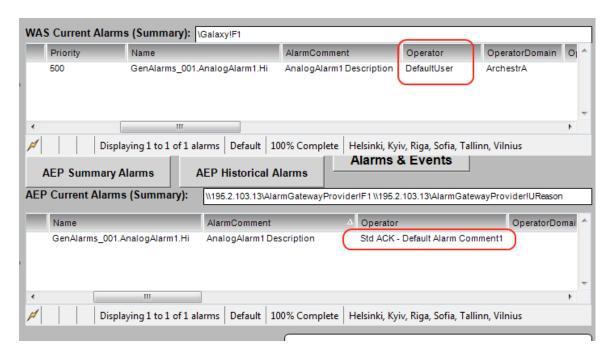
Alarm Ack comment will be displayed in connected Alarm Gateway clients only, in **OperatorDomain** field:



Note: WAS alarm provider will only Ack alarm without changing AlarmComment.

## AckOprName

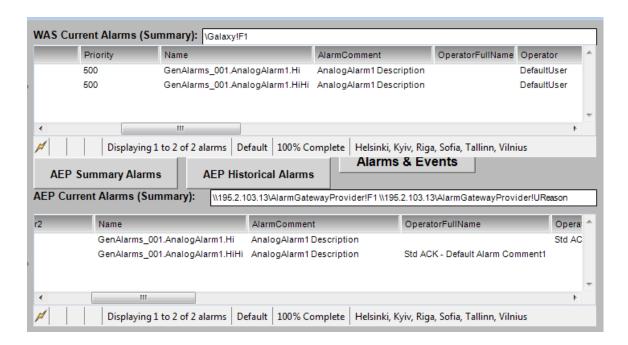
Alarm Ack comment will be displayed in connected Alarm Gateway clients only, in **OperatorName** field:



Note: WAS alarm provider will only Ack alarm without changing AlarmComment.

## AckOprFullName

Alarm Ack comment will be displayed in connected Alarm Gateway clients only, in **OperatorFullName** field:



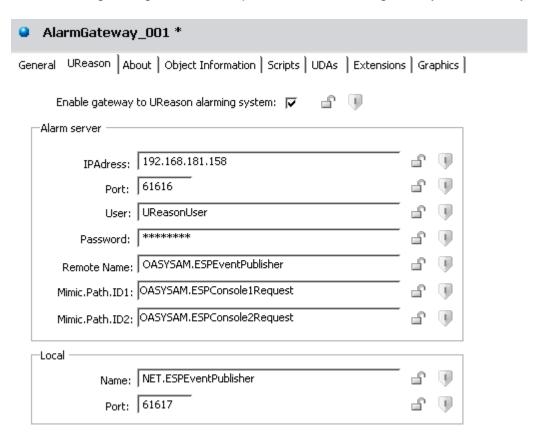
Note: WAS alarm provider will only Ack alarm without changing AlarmComment.

# **UReason gateway**

Alarm Gateway Object provides functionality to send/receive alarms to/from Wonderware alarming system from/to UReason alarming system. The following functionality is supported:

- 1. Send new and acknowledged alarms to UReason alarm system.
- 2. UReason functionality to show Mimic InTouch windows.
- 3. UReason Shelved alarms functionality.
- 4. Acknowledge Wonderware alarms from UReason alarm system.

The following configuration is required for UReason gateway functionality:



Please, refer to UReason documentation for more information about UReason alarming system.

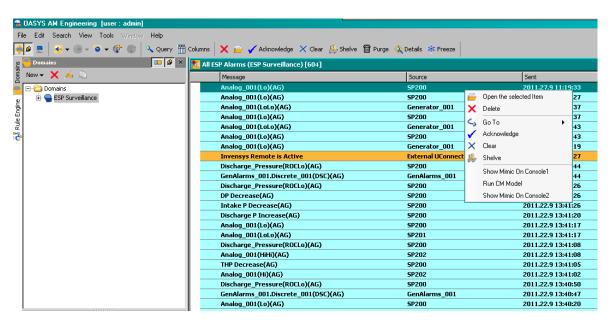
## **Alarm Gateway UReason Mimic functionality**

Alarm gateway supports UReason Mimic functionality.

Following object attributes are used for Console1 and Console2:

- AlarmGateway\_001.UReason.Mimic.Path.Console1
   If user selects "Show Mimic On Console1" from UReason alarm menu, this attribute is changed to UReason Source value (for Alarm Analog\_001.Lo it is SP200, see picture below).
- AlarmGateway 001.UReason.Mimic.Path.Console2

If user selects "Show Mimic On Console2" from UReason alarm menu, this attribute is changed to UReason Source value (for Alarm Analog\_001.Lo it is SP200 see picture below).

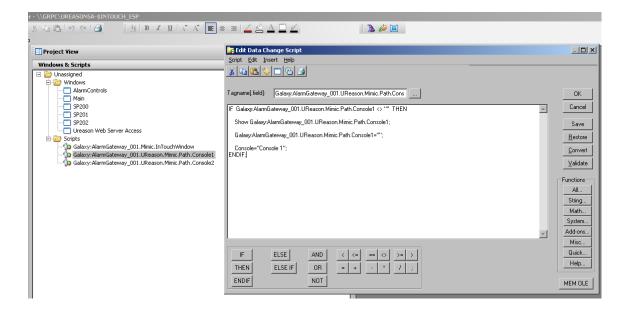


Mimic functionality can be used for opening specific InTouch windows that are tied to UReason alarm by the Source value.

## Sample InTouch script:

IF Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.UReason.Mimic.Path.Console1 <> "" THEN
 Show Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.UReason.Mimic.Path.Console1;
 Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.UReason.Mimic.Path.Console1="";
 Console="Console 1";
ENDIF;

IF Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.UReason.Mimic.Path.Console2 <> "" THEN
 Show Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.UReason.Mimic.Path.Console2;
 Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.UReason.Mimic.Path.Console2="";
 Console="Console 2";
ENDIF;



# Mimic functionality without UReason alarming system

For Alarm Gateway UReason Mimic functionality only for Wonderware alarm system (without UReason), the following string attributes are needed:

- AlarmGateway\_001.Mimic.Alarmname input AlarmName from Provider alarms list (max length is 32 characters)
   Sample: SP200.Intake\_Pressure\_Decrease
- AlarmGateway\_001.Mimic.InTouchWindow returns default (WAS object name) or user-defined (set in setSource attribute) value, e.g. SP200

## Sample script:

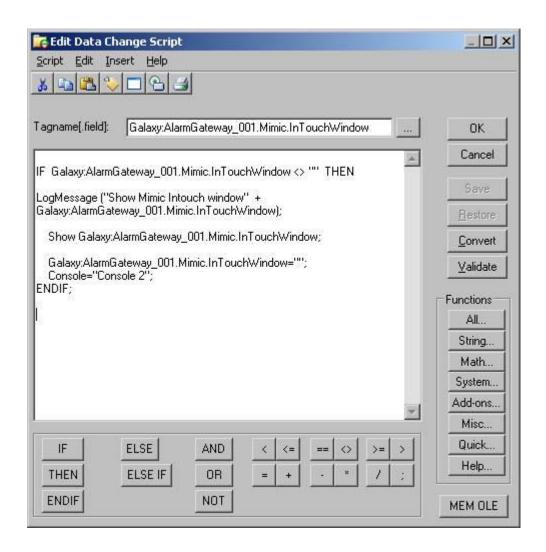
InTouch data change script Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.Mimic.InTouchWindow

IF Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.Mimic.InTouchWindow <> "" THEN

LogMessage ("Show Mimic Intouch window" +
Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.Mimic.InTouchWindow);

Show Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.Mimic.InTouchWindow;

Galaxy:AlarmGateway\_001.Mimic.InTouchWindow=""; Console="Console 2"; ENDIF;



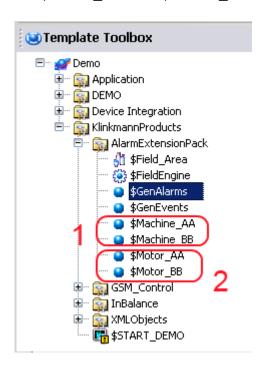
# Multiple distributed Alarm Gateway configuration setup sample

In highly loaded WAS applications where total number of alarms exceeds several hundreds or thousands and additional high CPU load features like **Wonderware alarm system custom attributes** are used, it is highly recommended to use several Alarm Gateway Object instances to avoid the object overload.

The following sample is for two Alarm Gateway instances.

## **Object configuration**

- Define the template/instance sets for each Alarm Gateway instance, let's assume we are planning to use two Alarm Gateway instances (AlarmGateway\_001 and AlarmGateway\_002):
  - a) For AlarmGateway\_001 Define templates: \$Machine\_AA and \$Machine\_BB
  - b) For AlarmGateway\_002
    Define templates: \$Motor\_AA and \$ Motor\_BB



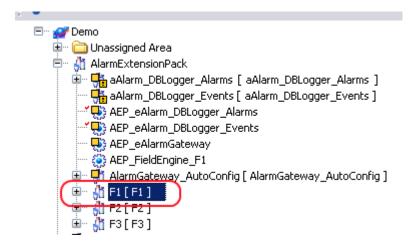
2) Edit template (\$Machine\_AA and \$Machine\_BB) scripts to point to assigned object AlarmGateway\_001

```
test 2 set new priority each 10 sec
if (Me.SimCustomAttributes == true) THEN
if (Me.iCounter > 999) THEN
        Me.iCounter = 1; ' reset
        Me.iCounter = Me.iCounter + 1;
ENDIF:
  User
        AlarmGateway_001.setWW_User1 = Me.Tagmame + ".AnalogAlarm1.Lo=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
        AlarmGateway 001.setWW User1 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.LoLo=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
AlarmGateway 001.setWW User1 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Hi=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
AlarmGateway 001.setWW User1 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.HiH=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
' User2
        AlarmGateway_001.set\"_User2 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Lo=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
       AlarmGateway 001.setWW User2 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.LoLo=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
AlarmGateway 001.setWW User2 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Hi=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
AlarmGateway 001.setWW User2 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.HiHi=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
  User3
 AlarmGateway 001.setWW_User3 = Me.Tagname +
".Analog_001.Lo=Test-" + Me.iCounter+ " "+ System.DateTime.Now + "A";
AlarmGateway_001.setWW_User3 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.LoLo=Test-"+ Me.iCounter+ " "
+ System.DateTime.Now + "A";
 AlarmGateway 001. setWW User3 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Hi=Test-"+ Me.iCounter+ " "+
System.DateTime.Now + "A";
        AlarmGateway 001,setWW User3 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.HiHi=Test-"+ Me.iCounter+ " "
+ System.DateTime.Now + "A";
```

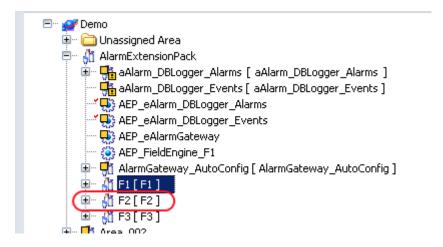
3) Edit template (\$Motor\_AA and \$Motor\_BB) scripts to point to assigned object AlarmGateway\_002

```
test 2 set new priority each 10 sec
if (Me.SimCustomAttributes == true) THEN
if (Me.iCounter > 999) THEN
        Me.iCounter = 1; ' reset
        Me.iCounter = Me.iCounter + 1:
ENDIF:
  Hser!
        AlarmGateway 002.setWW User1 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Lo=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
        AlarmGateway 002. setWW User1 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.LoLo=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
AlarmGateway 002. setWW User1 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Hi=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
        AlarmGateway 002.setWW User1 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.HiHi=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
User2
       AlarmGateway 002. setWW User2 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Lo=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
AlarmGateway 002. setWW User2 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.LoLo=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
AlarmGateway 002. setWW User2 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Hi=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
AlarmGateway 002. setWW User2 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.HiHi=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.HiHi=1"+ Me.iCounter+ ",1";
  User
       AlarmGateway_002.set\W_User3 = Me.Tagname +
 ".Analog_001.Lo=Test-" + Me.iCounter+ " "+ System.DateTime.Now + "A";
        AlarmGateway 002.setWW User3 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.LoLo=Test-"+ Me.iCounter+ " "
+ System.DateTime.Now + "A";
 AlarmGateway_002.setWW_User3 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.Hi=Test-"+ Me.iCounter+ " "+ System.DateTime.Now + "A";
       AlarmGateway_002| setWW_User3 = Me.Tagname + ".AnalogAlarm1.HiHi=Test-"+ Me.iCounter+ " "
+ System.DateTime.Now + "A";
```

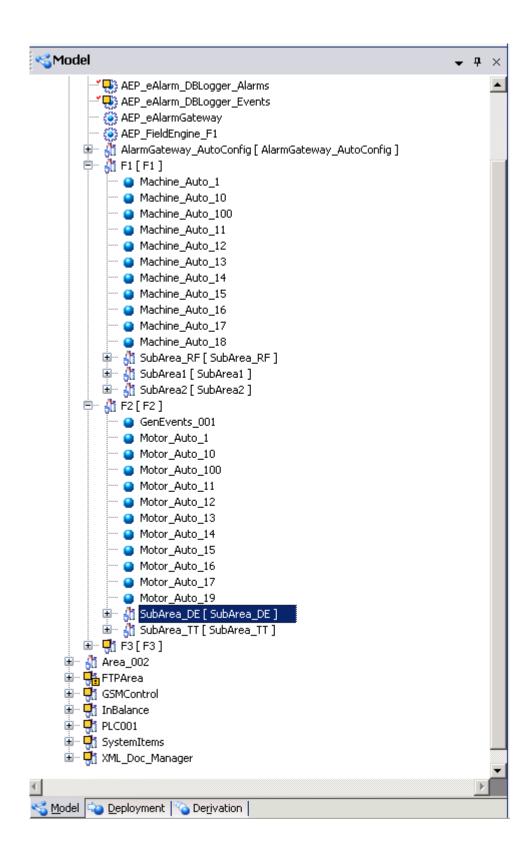
Create Area object F1 area that will be used to all first set objects (\$Machine\_AA and \$Machine\_BB)



5) Create Area object F2 area that will be used to all second set objects (\$Motor\_AA and \$ Motor\_BB



6) Create instances and deploy for both sets. Sample:

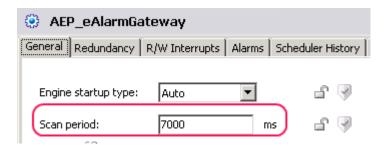


7) Create separate engines and Areas for each Alarm Gateway Object instance:



**Note:** Separate engine for each Alarm Gateway is "**must have**" requirement since each engine creates a separate process and that allows to distribute the load between multiple CPU cores.

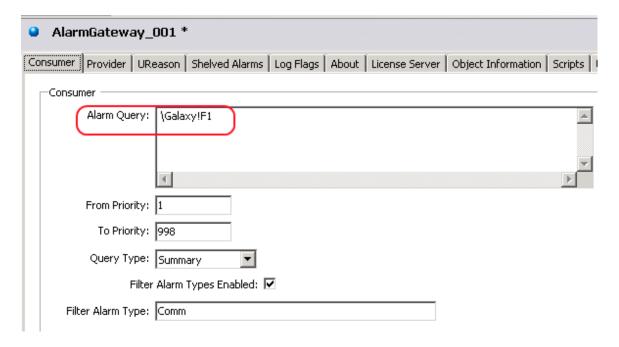
8) Set both engines Scan period to 7000 ms.

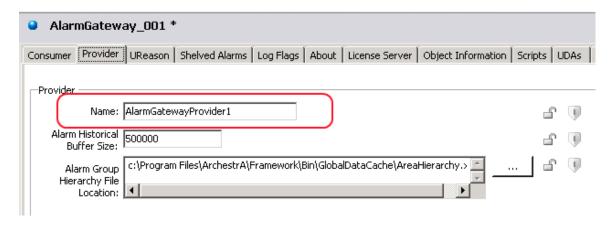


- 9) Configure both Instances of Alarm Gateway:
  - a. AlarmGateway\_001

Alarm Query: \Galaxy!F1

Provider name: AlarmGatewayProvider1

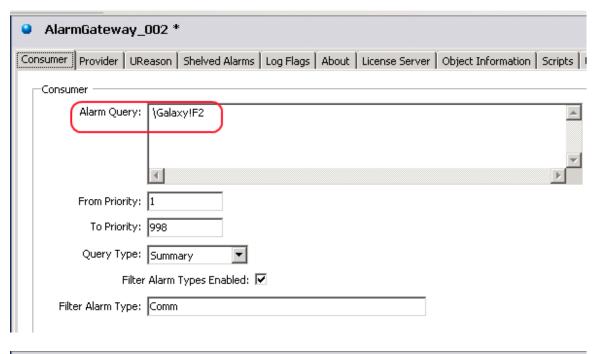


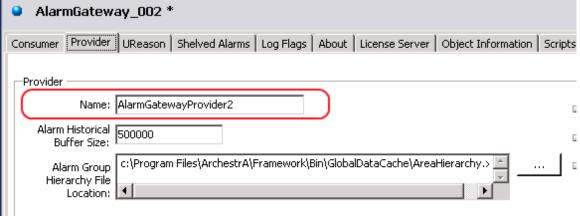


a. AlarmGateway\_002

Alarm Query: \Galaxy!F2

Provider name: AlarmGatewayProvider2

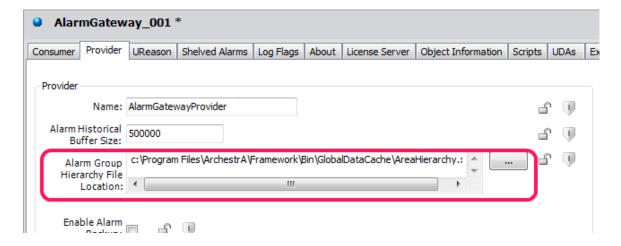




10) Deploy both instances of Alarm Gateway



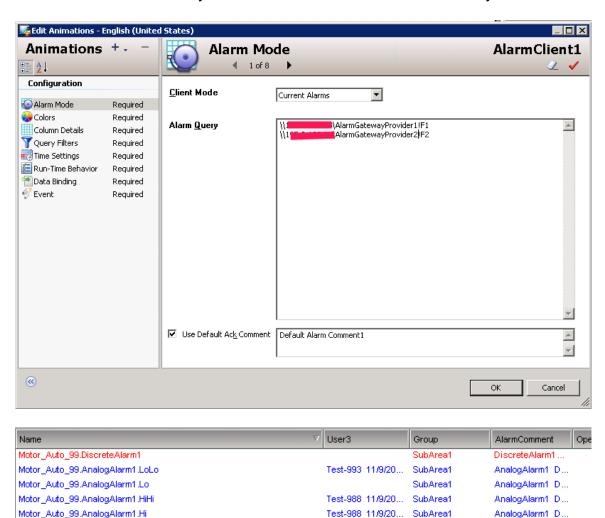
Note: if Area hierarchy is changed (new Area is added or existing is moved), it is required to redeploy AlarmGateway instance to update the **Alarm Group Hierarchy File** information.



## Alarm client configuration

To access both AlarmGateway instances, set the following Alarm query in AlarmClient:

\\Hostname\AlarmGatewayProvider1!F1 \\Hostname\AlarmGatewayProvider2!F2



Displaying 1 to 6 of 170 alarms | Default | 100% Complete | Helsinki, Kyiv, Riga, Sofia, Tallinn, Vilnius

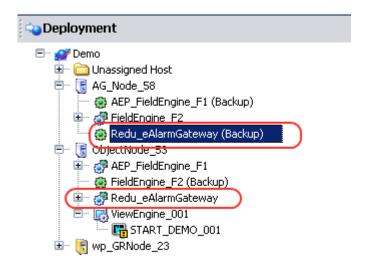
Auto 108 Discrete Alerm1

Discrata Alarm1

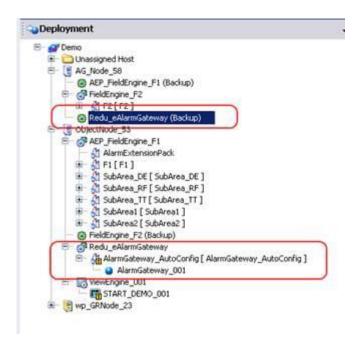
# Redundant Alarm Gateway configuration setup sample

Alarm Gateway Object supports WAS redundancy (for additional information please refer to WAS documentation).

- 1) Set up redundant AppEngines:
  - a. Primary Redu eAlarmGateway
  - b. Secondary (backup) place on redundant partner Server.

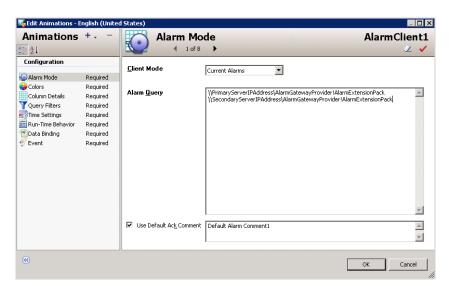


2) Configure Alarm Gateway – there is no need to configure additional settings for redundant Alarm Gateway setup:



3) Configure alarm query for alarm clients to point to Alarm Gateway on both redundant servers:

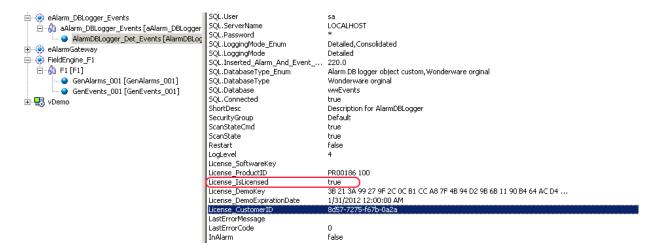
**\\PrimaryServerIPAddress**\AlarmGatewayProvider!AlarmExtensionPack \\SecondaryServerIPAddress\AlarmGatewayProvider!AlarmExtensionPack



# **Troubleshooting**

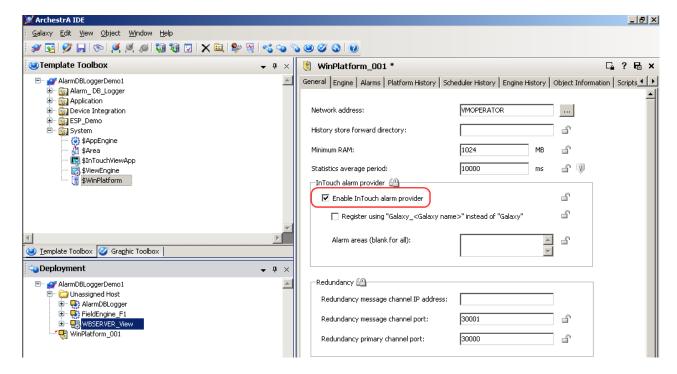
Below are explained common issues that may occur while using Alarm Gateway Object and its features.

- 1) No alarms from Alarm Provider (WinPlatform) for Alarm Gateway.
  - a) check if valid Demo or full license is installed for Alarm Gateway check if **License.lsLicensed = true** in Object Viewer:



See Licensing requirements section for Alarm Gateway licensing details.

b) check if WinPlatform object has enabled the alarming - the **Enable InTouch alarm provider** option is checked:



c) if alarms are checked and alarms are displayed in any Wonderware alarm display from Platform directly, check Alarm Gateway consumer settings in Object Viewer,

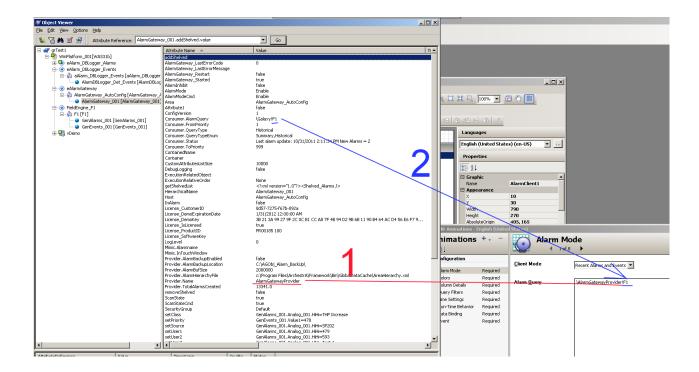
if correct **alarm query**, **FromPriority**, **ToPriority** is set (must be the same as in Wonderware alarm controls):



- 2) Alarms are coming to Alarm Gateway, but no alarms are displayed in alarm controls that are connected to Alarm Gateway.
  - a) check if Wonderware alarm controls are configured properly for use with Alarm Gateway:

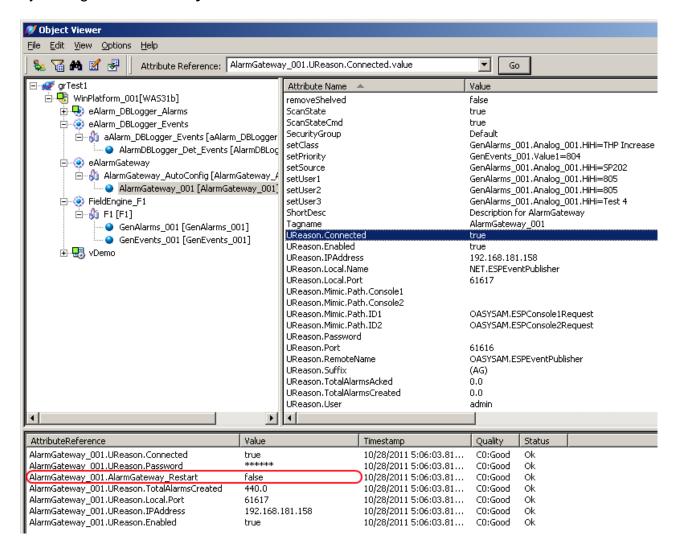
Is the Alarm provider name configured properly ("1 red" in picture below) in Alarm control (**AlarmGatewayProvider**)

Are Alarm Areas configured properly in Alarm control - must be the same as in property Consumer. Alarm Query **F1** ("2 blue" in picture below).

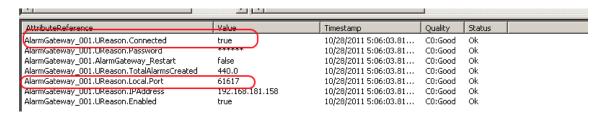


- 3) Alarms are displayed in Wonderware alarm controls, but no alarms in UReason alarms system.
  - a) check if UReason alarm system is configured properly in Alarm Gateway check the following:
    - UReason.IPAddress attribute is the correct UReason server ID address entered.
    - UReason.Local.Port attribute is the correct port for UReason server entered.
    - **UReason.User** attribute **–** is the correct UReason user entered.
    - UReason.password attribute is the correct UReason password entered.

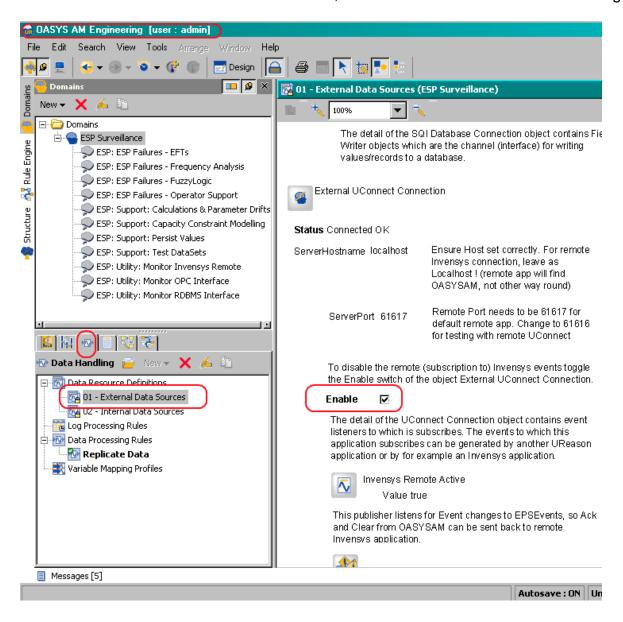
Note: if UReason seeting are changed, it is needed to restart the Alarm Gateway by setting **AlarmGateway.Restart** attribute to **True**.



b) Check if alarms are created for UReason at Alarm Gateway side
 (UReason.Connected = true) and UReason.TotalAlarmsCreated > 0,
 and there are still no alarms in UReason alarming system.



In this case it is necessary to restart the connection between Wonderware alarm system and UReason alarm system - in UReason console, go to **Data handling** -> **External Data Sources** and uncheck the **Enable** checkbox, then wait for ~3 seconds and check again.



# **Advanced Troubleshooting**

Alarm Gateway logs the diagnostic information to two diagnostic systems:

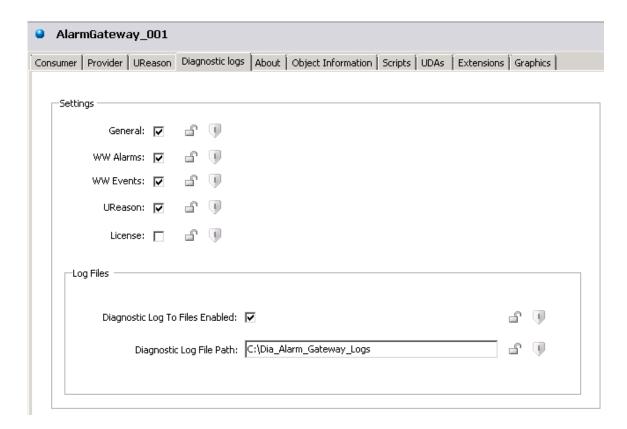
- 1) Wonderware SMC Log Viewer
- 2) Alarm Gateway custom text files (formats of log files: txt, csv, xml)

## Log Flags for SMC Log Viewer

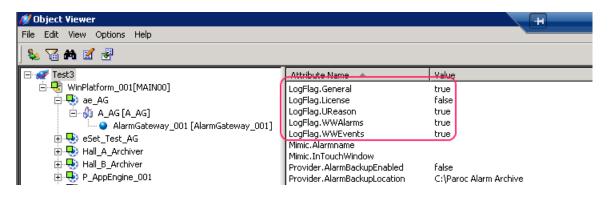
For advanced troubleshooting, it is possible to set Alarm Gateway Log Flags – the following log flags are available:

- General (LogFlag.General attribute) logs general diagnostic messages to SMC Log Viewer.
- 2. WW Alarms (LogFlag.WWAlarms attribute) logs related with Wonderware alarms diagnostic messages to SMC Log Viewer.
- 3. WW Events (LogFlag.WWEvents attribute) logs related with Wonderware events diagnostic messages to SMC Log Viewer.
- 4. UReason (LogFlag.UReason attribute) logs related with UReason diagnostic messages to SMC Log Viewer.
- 5. License (LogFlag.License attribute) logs related with licensing diagnostic messages to SMC Log Viewer.

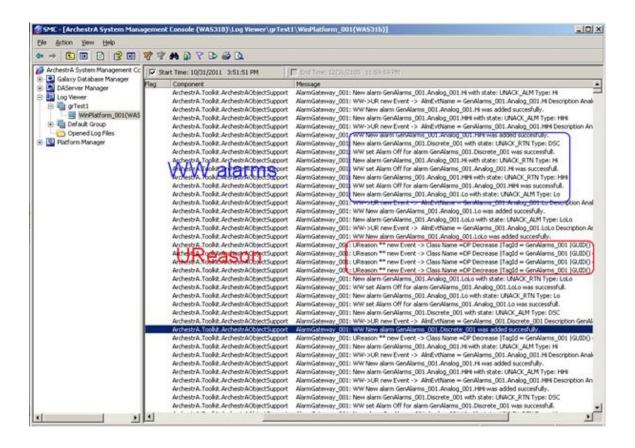
It is possible to configure Log Flags in Object Editor:



It is possible also to configure Log Flags at runtime by changing the following attributes:

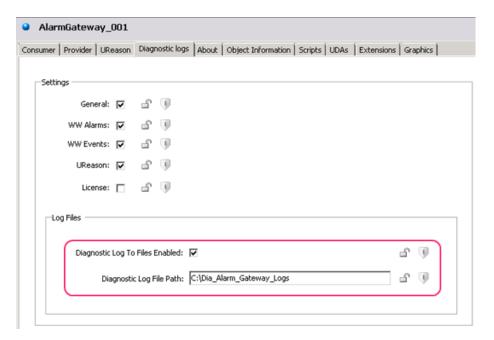


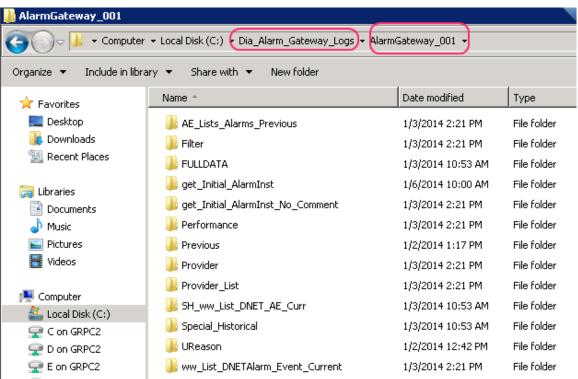
The logging example:



## Logging to Custom log file

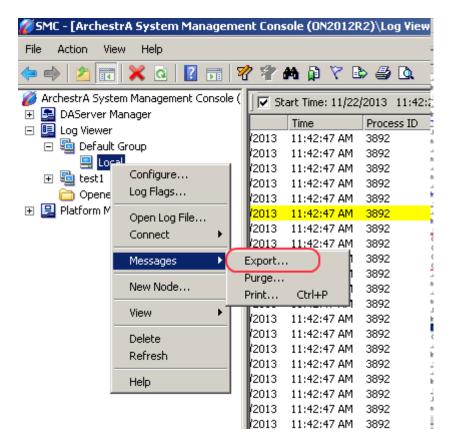
- 1. Check the **Diagnostic Log To Files Enabled**.
- 2. In Diagnostic Log File Path set the folder where to store the log files.



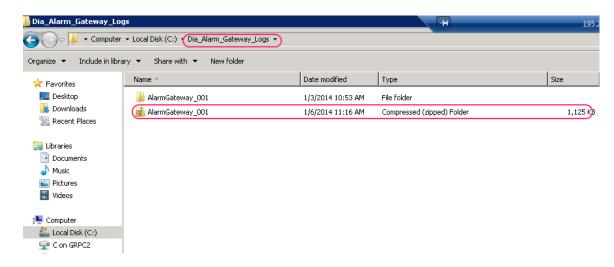


# Collecting log files for technical support

- 1) Enable the logging (details about parameters see above in **Advanced Troubleshooting** section).
- 2) Replicate the issue.
- 3) Export SMC log file and archive it:



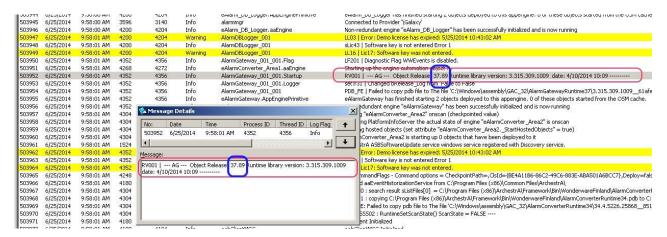
4) Locate custom log files and archive the log directory:



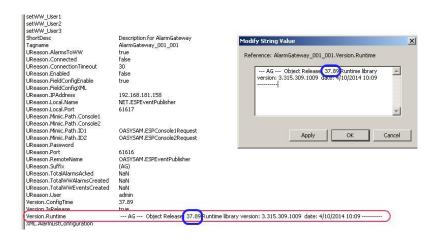
5) Send both log files to technical support.

# Object upgrade procedure

- 1) Open ArchestrA IDE and undeploy all Application Engine(s) that are hosting Alarm Gateway object(s).
- 2) Import the new version of Alarm Gateway Object.
- 3) Close and reopen ArchestrA IDE to update the object editor.
- 4) Deploy Alarm Gateway object host platform to install the software update.
- 5) Deploy all Application Engine(s) that are hosting Alarm Gateway object(s) to load the latest Alarm Gateway runtime libraries.
- 6) The Alarm Gateway Object current version installed can be find out in Log Viewer in the message starting with "RV001":



As well, the Alarm Gateway Object current version installed can be find out in Object Viewer by examining the content of Alarm Gateway attribute Version.Runtime:



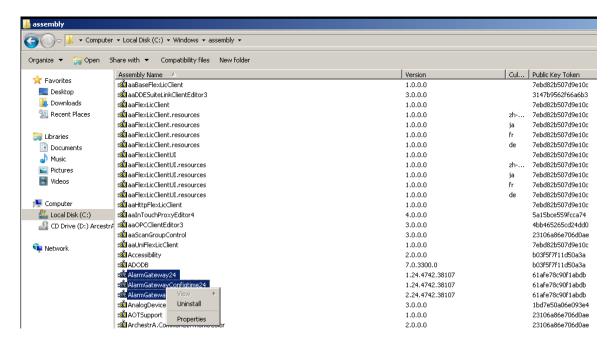
## Object clean uninstall procedure

This procedure can be used to fully uninstall the Alarm Gateway object.

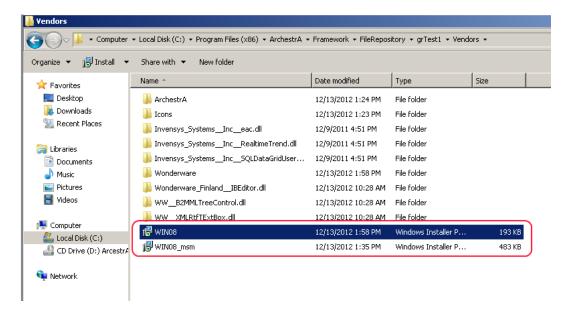
Can be used to downgrade to previous object version or to fix Alarm Gateway object upgrade issues.

Note: this procedure must be performed on all WAS nodes where Alarm Gateway object was used/installed (IDE node, object nodes).

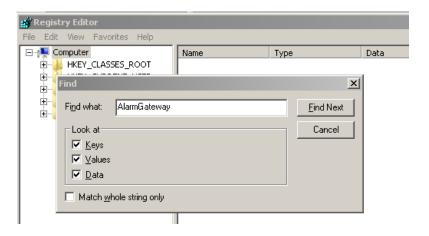
- 1) Undeploy all WinPlatforms that host Alarm Gateway object.
- 2) Delete all Alarm Gateway instances and templates from Galaxy.
- 3) Close ArchestrA IDE.
- 4) Uninstall manually the Alarm Gateway object assembles in case they still are installed:
  - a. Browse to C:\Windows\assembly folder, select all Assemblies named AlarmGatewayXX, were XX is the Alarm Gateway object version number, e.g. 24.
  - b. Open the context menu by clicking right mouse button and select the **Uninstall** option:



5) Delete MSI installers (.msi files) generated by WAS, containing links to deleted/invalid files from: C:\Program Files
(x86)\ArchestrA\Framework\FileRepository\<Your Galaxy Name>\Vendors folder. The <Your Galaxy Name> is your galaxy name e.g. grTest1, and .msi files are named like <User name>.msi, where <User name> is the currently logged user name – user that was used to install object, for example, WIN08.msi:



- 6) Delete the temporasry files from C:\Windows\Temp folder.
- 7) Delete all entries that contain **AlarmGateway** from Windows registry:



8) Restart the computer.

## WONDERWARE FINLAND Alarm Gateway Object Revision History

Jun 2011 Jun 2011	Rev 1.0 Rev 1.1	First Release Alarm Group Hierarchy XML "Associated Attribute" and
0011 2011	1107 1.1	"Description" changed
Sep 2011	Rev 1.2	"Custom attributes" and "UReason gateway" added.
Sep 2011	Rev 1.3	"Custom attributes" for "UReason gateway" added. Mimic windows functionality added.
Oct 2011	Rev 1.4	"Installing the Alarm Gateway Object" section modified. "Troubleshooting" and "Object upgrade procedure" sections added.
Mar 2012	Rev 1.5	Exposed Alarm field feature added.
Jul 2012	Rev 1.6	Updated Exposed attributes section.
Aug 2012	Rev. 1.7	added section Custom Acked alarm comment field.
Oct 2012	Rev. 1.9	Object version 17 updates.
Dec 2012	Rev. 1.10	Added object clean uninstall procedure.
Dec 2013	Rev. 1.11	Corrections in manual Table of Contents, headings and contents of all chapters.
Jun 2014	Rev. 1.12	"Object upgrade procedure" and "Object clean uninstall procedure" sections modified. Corrections in manual text.